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1. The landing strip at Craiova Airfield is 3275 m long and 25 m broad. The surface consists of 40 cm of rolled gravel, 20 cm of concrete and 5 cm of asphalt. It was built in 1950-1951.
2. The 1 Rumanian Jet Fighter Regiment is stationed at the field. It has six MIG 15 jet fighters.

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1 - sketch on ditto

REMARKS

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1. Air activity in the Bucharest-Chencea area was light during the winter from 1950 to 1951; it increased in the spring and summer of 1951, and again decreased in the fall of 1951. A large number of different types of aircraft were seen including a four-engine plane which looked like the B-29. It was equipped with four radial engines, had a very high rudder assembly and two turret-like gun stations on the other side of the fuselage. It was marked by red Soviet stars. The upper section of the nose and the under side of the tail section were of plexiglass. In Odessa, this type of plane was referred to as TU-71. According to Rumanian guards, aircraft of this type were stationed at an airfield on the western perimeter of Bucharest. Source made a sketch of this plane.¹
2. Jet aircraft with a pronounced sweep-back, fitted with a single rudder assembly and an elevator assembly set rather high, were first observed in the spring of 1951. The aircraft which usually flew in formations of three, generally approached from the south and turned to the east after flying over the PW camp. Occasionally these planes flew very high. Aircraft of this type were allegedly stationed at an airfield on the western perimeter of Bucharest.²
3. A jet plane fitted with a jet engine in each wing was also seen over Bucharest.³ At night, the noise of flying aircraft was heard, but it appeared to source that only propeller driven aircraft were involved.

- 25X1 1. ☐ Comment. The Bucharest-Chencea airfield was not observed by source. The presence in the Bucharest area of aircraft similar to B-29 was reported for the first time. For sketch of this plane, see Annex. The sketch indicates that a TU-4 was involved.
- 25X1 2. ☐ Comment. A sketch furnished by source but not disseminated shows that the planes seen were MiG-15s.
- 25X1 3. ☐ Comment. These planes probably were IL-28s.

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Four-Engined Aircraft Seen over Bucharest

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